

Title: Requested the Home Minister to recognise the freedom fighters of Kerala and to sanction pensions for them and the relatives of the martyrs.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD): Thank you for the opportunity given to me. Today, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Home Minister towards the difficulties being faced by the freedom fighters of Kerala. Sir, the applications of the heroes who participated in the well known freedom struggles of Kerala, like, Kayyur, Karivellur, Kavumbai, Morazha, Punnapra-Vayalar, M.S.P. Rebellion, are being rejected by the Central Government because they could not produce the jail record or other required materials. It is true that the Congress Government, for several years, denied pensions to these heroes because the struggles were fought under the Communist Party leadership. With the strength of these struggles the Britishers ran away from our country. The UF Government, under the Prime Minister Shri Deve Gowda, and Home Minister Shri Indrajit Gupta, recognised these struggles. But the present Government is taking dissatisfactory and half-hearted approach to sanction pensions to these heroes or to the relatives of the martyrs. So, I request the hon. Home Minister and the Government of India to look sympathetically towards this. All such persons, very few are now alive, who are getting pension from the State should get pension from the Centre also. A sympathetic view may be taken towards these heroes or towards the relatives of these martyrs.